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#### THE STUDYING AND TEACHING OF ENGLISH.

BY EDWIN A. GREENLAW, A. M., NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

It is a well-known principle in pedagogy that the teacher to be successful must also be a student. If he who endeavors to bring young minds into contact with new truth is also constantly trying to learn new truth himself, his mental attitude will be of the greatest assistance in the work of instruction. In no other branch in the school curriculum is this principle so applicable as in the case of the teaching of English. The instructor must be acquainted with the best literature if he would gain that culture which is an essential element in teaching English. He must have the power to gather the thought from the printed page rapidly, accurately, completely, in order to make thinkers of his pupils. He must have the large vocabulary which gives him power of expression, and which can be gained in no way so effectively as through the study of literature. For these reasons, and for others which will be suggested by them, the object of the present series of articles is to assist teachers in their professional work of teaching English by assisting them to be more capable students of literature.

GRASPING THE THOUGHT.

The first object of the study of literature is the acquiring of the power to understand the thought expressed by the writer. This is not so easy to do as is sometimes supposed. Many mature persons, who would be indignant if any one expressed doubt of their ability to read, are veritable infants when they attempt to read understandingly some meaty passage. We are in danger of becoming a nation of smatterers, simply because the element of haste enters so largely into our lives. We read newspapers by their headlines; and if we read literary works at all, we are in danger of looking merely at the nouns and verks, to the exclusion not only of all elements which contribute to the esthetic appreciation of literature, but also of the time and consideration required for complete understanding of the thought. The student of literature should bear in mind that his first and chiefest object is the understanding of the author's thought, and to this end he should be careful how he reads.

Time should be taken to insure perfect assimilation of the thought. It is quite possible to read Emerson's essay on "Compensation" and come away not one idea the richer for the time spent. The words pass before the mind and make no more permanent impression than the landscape seen from the window of a swiftly moving car. Such reading is worse than useless: it incapacitates the mind for any solid, fruitful work later on. All profitable study of literature must be without haste. It is not quantity, but quality, that counts. Do not ascribe to yourself any superior virtue if you can say you have read one hundred pages of Macaulay's Essays since last week. If you measure your reading by the page, it is quite likely that your time has been practically wasted.

The student should test himself frequently as to his mental grasp of the subject. Read a paragraph from some essay or other prose work (not fiction) just as you usually read: that is, at about the same rate and with about your ordinary degree of attention. Then close your book and write what you can remember of the paragraph. Apply the same test when you have finished reading the chapter or the essay. The chances are that you will be very much mortified at the small amount your mind retains. Repeat the test until you notice improvement in your power of giving attention. Let much of the practice be as here suggested in writing; but vary it at times by simply closing the book and endeavoring to repeat to yourself the substance of what you have just read. When you have acquired facility in this, and find that it is less difficult to keep your attention upon your reading, test yourself by an effort to recall the substance of the preceding day's reading. Constant review, undivided attention and careful avoidance of haste in this method of study will increase your mental power in a way that will surprise and delight you. It has revolutionized the intellectual life of more

than one student who has persistenly and patiently practiced it.

#### VOCABULARY.

A very important part of the study of literature is the increased power over words which it gives. Nothing so accurately marks the distinction between the educated man and the ignoramus as his use of words. The illiterate man commands but a small vocabulary and expresses the most primitive ideas. Every word added to one's working vocabulary means so much won from the kingdom of ignorance and indicates so much additional power.

The dictionary should be the constant companion of the student of literature, and every unfamiliar word should be mastered. Let the student make a list of all new words he meets, together with their definitions, and then by constant review fix them thoroughly in his mind.

#### POETRY AND PROSE.

De Quincy divided literature into two classes: the literature of knowledge and the literature of power. Prose belongs for the most part to the first class, because in it the intellect is generally addressed; but poetry, which appeals to the emotions, belongs to the literature of power.

The student should make careful note of the difference between poetic and prose style. Besides the more apparent distinctions of rhyme and metre, it will be found that the sentence order of poetry is different from that of prose; that the language is more figurative; and that there is a striking difference in diction. Let the student select a passage from Tennyson or Lowell and underline every word that he is conscious he would not use if expressing the same thought in prose. Poetic abbreviation, such as o'er, ne'er, etc.; archaisms, as tarn, ere, nathless (nevertheless), etc.; and suggestive words, as babbling, clang, buzzing, etc., should be grouped in separate columns. This exercise is very valuable in assisting students to acquire poetic appreciation. The lover of literature gets the flavor of words just as the epicure delights in the flavor of his favorite dishes.

#### LITERATURE AND CULTURE.

No other subject can compare with literature in giving that undefinable something which we call culture. The reason is not far to seek. Literature embodies the highest results of the life of a people. A nation's progress is more surely indicated in its literature than in any other way. To understand the literature of the age of Queen Elizabeth is to understand the very best of that age.

Again literature is art, and deals with beauty. It is not enough for a man to have a great thought if he would write what the world calls literature; he must express it in a beautiful way. Thus, to love literature means to love the beautiful, an important factor in culture.

Literature gives liberal views instead of narrowness; takes the conceit out of a man; develops the sense of beauty; inspires men to aim high; and all these are elements of culture. Says Emerson: "The age of the quadruped is to go out—the age of the brain and of the heart is to come in;" and in bringing about this end literature must play an important part.

## THE STUDY OF BIBLE HISTORY IN THE GRADED SCHOOLS.

BY MISS H. W. POORE, BOSTON.

If one feature more than another characterizes the present age, it is progressiveness. There is no fact of civilization that does not show advance, no art or science that does not emphatically demonstrate that we are not modern Micawbers, waiting for something to happen, but rather are exercising all our powers to cause something to happen.

Our educators have been by no means the last to feel this quickening pulse. Our schools have been raised to higher standards, and our teachers yearly required to be more efficient. The old "dame's school" of our ancestors serves now merely as a source of amusement, and is interesting only as one step in the progress of education.

Efforts have been made to give pupils in grammar grades a more general knowledge than heretofore. Realizing that many children never go beyond that grade, school authorities have introduced into the courses of study a treatment of the general and simpler of the principles of branches taught formerly only in the high schools, such as physiology, bookkeeping, botany, physics, algebra and Latin.

The introduction of these branches is, I know, subject to a good deal of criticism; but the more progressive schools surely have them in their courses of study. I want to enter a plea for one other, however, that is the Bible. I am fully aware that the subject of the Bible in schools is an old and hackneyed one. It has been well exploited; teachers have been dismissed, superintendents have been removed and members of school committees have been elected or defeated upon this single issue. It is, however, as a work of inspiration and the book upon which the religious sentiment of Christendom turns that it has been made the subject of argument. Its reading considered as an act of worship, and its teachings construed into widely varying views have led to radical differences of opinion. It is not in this light that I would have it considered. It has a different bearing which, in the eagerness to defend the doctrines or protect the youthful mind from false impressions, is often ignored. It has a secular bearing, and it surely ought to be the function of every public school to give children a knowledge of this book in this light.

It is a fact greatly to be deplored that there is not only among young people, but in society in general, great ignorance of the historical facts of the Bible. Children will repeat whole poems by our more common writers who can not say as many verses from the Scriptures. Young ladies will glibly discuss Browning or Spencer who can not repeat one of the Beatitudes. Not many months ago I heard a class in physical geography recite upon the subject of volcanoes, and, in the course of the recitation, mention was made of Mt. Ararat. The teacher asked for any further information as to this mountain, and but four of twenty-five indicated by any expression that they had ever heard of it before, yet Mt. Ætna was as familiar to them as the mountain that they could see from the class-room window.

We insist that our children be taught the history of our

own country, and we are almost as persistent regarding that of England. We want them to know the stories of Grecian and Roman history, yet the curriculum that includes any study of the Hebrews is rare indeed. Children love to hear and tell the story of Sir Walter Raleigh and the Virgin Queen, they get enthusiastic over the tale of General Putnam and the wolf, and that of the brave Horatius. Is not the account of Joseph just as interesting, and was not David just as brave as Horatius? No book is so common—everyone does, or at least, may possess one; and yet there is this painful ignorance regarding it. Truly, in the midst of riches we are poor.

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It is not necessary to teach from the book itself. There are many good histories written for children of all ages, and many are absolutely unsectarian. It is even better in many cases to use a history, as a study of the book directly might often lead to doctrinal discussions which in public schools are so often worse than profitless, that they should be eschewed entirely.

One of the strongest arguments in favor of a study of this work seems to me to be the usefulness of a knowledge of its stories in the study of English. There are few writers who do not show a knowledge of its pages and use that knowledge to beautify and strengthen their own works, and in many cases writers have copied verbatim. Now, as English is, or should be, taught four years in the high schools, this study can but be not only a valuable preparation for the high school, but an indispensable one. Milton cannot be read or taught intelligently without knowledge of the Scriptures. Scott loves to allude to King Richard, the "unshorn Samson of the isle." Shakespeare says, "A Daniel come to judgment;" and innumerable are such allusions that are meaningless without an understanding of their origin.

It is sometimes claimed that this is the work of the Sunday-school, I admit that the Sunday-school does do a great deal to accomplish this desired end, but it does not do enough. The recitations being seven days apart and too often then not compulsory upon the pupil, the impression is not so lasting as it should be. Then again, the more special function of the Sunday-school is to show the moral bearing of the truths taught. This is sometimes tinged with a doctrinal bias, though not so much as formerly. The Sunday-school does a great deal towards accomplishing this end, in many cases it does all that there is done; but earnest parents-mothers, do more by ten-fold. How many teachers have experienced the comfort of one or more pupils who, by their intelligence, show that they have been taught by pious mothers and have come from homes where the family influence was always towards intelligence and nobility of character. Such a pupil is often the means of furnishing the only bright spot in a dreary hour.

Then is it not as important that the children in our grammar schools should betaught Bible history as Latin? Will they not find a familiarity with its pages as valuable to them in later years as a knowledge of quadratics? Shoud not the courses of study for graded schools give some attention to this much-neglected study and the instruction that is now delegated to the Sunday-school and parents be made compulsory by its position in the public school curriculum?—Education.

#### HOW A LIBRARY WAS STARTED.

BY LOUISA A. BOYAKIN.

I entered a school as a new teacher. Thirty to thirty-five pupils were enrolled. The first week I made inquiry as to what books they had read; two or three of the older ones had read some few. I told enough of "His One Fault" (by Trowbridge) that the pupils became so much interested in it that they asked, "Where can we get that book; we want to read it?" I had a copy, which I donated as the first book for their library. It was read. The pupils expressed a wish to contribute towards a library fund. I appointed a treasurer to receive the money and a committee of pupils to solicit of their friends for the increase of their library. Many of the patrons gave money and others gave books. The first Friday of each month a collection was made by the pupils, giving whatever they wished, from a penny to a dime. As the term advanced a Christmas entertainment brought more money into the treasury. Fifteen dollars had been taken into the fund since I gave the first book. I then selected fifty books, which were purchased during that term, and every book had gone the rounds among the pupils and their friends at home. In the list ranged books for all the grades, from the primary grade to the highest. The pupils loved to read from these books, and they also love to contribute to increase their library from year to year. The thirst for good literature in our school is cetainly a feast worthy of every teacher's atten-

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#### THINGS FOR CHILDREN.

BY J. P. MCCASKEY.

'Come and see," was the reply of Philip to the question of Nathanael; and the Master to whom they came said to them: "Hereafter ye shall see Heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending." Heaven is open, and more than ever in these latter days, if we will but have it so. Its message comes to us in ten thousand voices of "angels ascending and descending," now trumpet-tongued, now quiet as love's gentlest whisper, if we have but ears to hear and hearts open to receive it. An angel is but a messenger-sometimes a prophet or a poet, now a preacher or teacher, now a mother, now a child. Through manifold agencies and in countless ways is given the message of God to man,-but there are millions who never hear these angel voices. It is a winsome message, it is a thrilling message, it is a solemn message. It is heard with careless indifference, with transient interest and wonder, or with abiding trust and devotion. The parable of the sower is the story of results, and it is the chief business of the teacher, as the messenger and servant of the Great Master, so to sow good seed in the minds and hearts of the young, and so to cultivate the soil for that sowing, that the harvest may be "some thirty, some sixty, and some an hun-

He should know the best himself, being always a learner, and so teach the child that it may grow day by day more

worthy of its high destiny. This, we all agree, is the end and purpose of all our knowledge. For this the schools have been organized. In them we teach reading, writing and arithmetic, the fundamental branches of an ordinary education. Along with these essential branches and after they have been acquired, should go thought, thought, thought always—the literature of power kept not abreast with but far in advance of the mere literature of knowledge—to quote the familiar contrast suggested by De Quincy. Our schools run too much to the latter kind of instruction, which is deceptive in promise and full of disappointment in its results.

We hear men speak of one good thing and another learned during school days. One or two of these things stand out as headlands looming high and grand out of the mists. Few speak of many things—some seem to think of nothing. How can this gain for a lifetime be assured to the pupil? By learning things worth knowing, and by having such frequent repetition of the same as will fix them in the heart even more than in the memory, so that they come back, like Wordsworth's Daffodils:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss or solitude,
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

This I am always very willing to risk, namely, what intelligent boys and girls twenty years hence will say and think of this kind of methodical memory work in literature. I do not ask the judgment of men and women now in the work of teaching and supervision. I do not ask the approval of scholars or men of affairs. I might, perhaps, as well ask their approval of sunlight, fresh air, and good water. I simply ask, What will these boys and girls say of it when they have grown to years of sober discretion? I know what they will say. They say it even now—and they will say it then with an emphasis tenfold stronger than to-day.

In the old shorter Catechism of a hundred and seven questions and answers that we used to recite at home on Sunday afternoons-our good mother asking the questions -was this: "What is the chief end of man?" The negro of South Africa, whose early training had been neglected, said, "To steal oxen;" the broker king of Wall street, the result of whose training seems in some respects hardly better than that of the African, might say, "To steal railroads;" but the old Westminster has the answer clear and strong: "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever." Then came the great question, "What is God?" "God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth." Is it well to put the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments and things like these into the mind of the child, so committed to memory that they may be repeated almost without thought? Yes, ten thousand times yes, in the hope, the sure hope, we might almost say, of the time in more mature life when they may be discussed, and pondeded, and wondered at, and thought over-influencing life and destiny. They go deep and stay always.

#### ABOUT PORTO RICO.

As everybody is interested in our new possessions, we give an extract from an article in the Philadelphia Press about Porto Rico.

#### HOW THE PORTO RICANS LIVE.

It seems strange to Americans to have the parlors and receptions rooms on the second floor. This is the custom in most of the towns of Porto Rico. The rich people of San Juan all live in the second stories of their houses, the lower floors being given up to the poor. Out in the country the houses of the richest farmers have storehouses, granaries or stables beneath them, and you have to go up long steps to get to the front door.

The average country house has no glass in its windows, but only shutters, which open and close. It is built with a large living room in the center and bed-rooms opening into this on each side. There is often a wing containing a kitchen with a water-closet adjoining it. Bathrooms are almost unknown, and the sanitary conditions of even the best houses are bad.

The furniture is commonly of bent wood, the chairs being arranged stiffly about a table. There is often a wicker sofa and some rocking chairs, but no attempts are made at ornamentation in the way of cozy nooks or of wall decoration.

The bedrooms are fitted out with iron beds covered either with canvas or with wire springs, upon which thin comforts are spread for mattresses. The mattresses are usually not long enough to allow your whole body to lie on them without touching the wires. In my hotel here in San Juan the springs either scratch the flesh of my heels or, if I protect my heels, my shoulders have to suffer by the sharp wires between the mattress and the pillow.

#### WOMEN'S WORK AND WAGES.

Speaking of the poorer woman, there is little chance here for a girl to make her own living. Outside of school training or acting as governesses there are no openings whatever. Women are not employed in the stores. Porto Rico has not up to this date a female typewriter, and the work in post-offices and telegraph offices is done by men. I see some women in the dressmaking shops. The most of them use hand sewing machines, and I am told that they sew beautifully with the needle.

The wages are such, however, that the American dress-maker could not live upon them. Sewing women who come into the house and sew all day from 7 in the morning until 6 at night are paid 15 cents a day, including their breakfast and dinner. You can get a fine dress made for \$2.40, and a lady's linen night dress, including the material, tucked at the yoke and trimmed with lace and insertion, with buttons as desired, costs only 45 cents. This represents more than one day's work.

Linen is very cheap here, and the American women who visit Porto Rico fit themselves out with linen underclothes, getting them for about one-third the prices they pay at home.

All kinds of servants are very cheap, especially women servants. Maids get from \$3 to \$3.60 a month, and for this sum they will do anything. They are willing to work, and

never strike. Some of them are white and some colored. Not a few come from the neighboring island of St. Thomas. Some speak a little English, and all, as a rule, are clean and nice looking. Ordinary servant girls get from 6 to 7 pesos a month, or from \$3.60 to \$4.20. You can hire a first-class cook for from \$6 to \$7 a month, and such a cook will do the marketing.

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WASHING AND WASHERWOMEN.

The cook, however, will not wash and iron. This, as a rule, is done by professional washerwomen, who carry the clothes to the streams and wash them in cold water. There is no such thing as a clothes line on the island, and nothing like an American washboard or washtub.

The clothes are dried on the grass or hung on cactus bushes or wire fences. They are sprinkled while drying, and usually come back beautifully white.

The Porto Rican washtub is a box made of pine, about a yard long, half a yard wide and about six inches deep. It has sloping sides, and the woman puts the clothes in it, dips it in the water and rubs them between her hands with soap. Sometimes she tilts the tub against a stone, so that half of it is in the water, and then, kneeling beside it on the edge of the stream, she rubs and scrubs to wash out the dirt.

#### A SUGGESTION.

Since children delight in rhyme, and certain periods of a child's life are full of imagination, why not for variety sometimes encourage them to express their thoughts in verse? I have been surprised to find children who could do so with as great ease as they could write prose. The following poems were composed by a girl of eleven years:

#### NOVEMBER VIOLET.

BY MABEL.

Dark are November's skies, Leafless the trees; Sad winds now moan where once Stirred summer breeze.

Thin are the garments worn By a small child; Hither and thither tossed By winds so wild.

Turning a corner now,
Breathless she stands;
In sweet surprise are raised
Two tiny hands.

Growing there all alone, Fragrant and wild, One tiny floweret stood, Smiled at the child.

And in a broken cup, Bravely it stood; Glad e'en a violet Could do some good. So, e'en the lowliest,
If they but try,
May cheer the wanderer
Who passeth by.

Soothing the aching heart, Lonely lives bless; Leading some weary one To happiness.

#### THEIR VALENTINE.

BY MABEL.

Valentine day had come at last; And a sweet baby face Had come at early peep of dawn To bless and cheer the place.

Said Jennie, in a tearful voice, With many a pout and whine, "It is a shame that I have got Not e'en one valentine;

While sister Sue a dozen has.

And see! There at the door
The postman stands, and hands to her
About a dozen more."

Then said her little sister May, "I would not cry and whine; For we both have a lovely one, Baby's our valentine."

Self-reverense, self-knowledge, self-control; these three things alone lead life to sovereign power.—Tennyson.

What we do not understand we do not possess.-Goethe.

If it is not right, do not do it; if it is not true, do not say it.—Marcus Aurelius.

False culture is like veneering, but true culture is like polish; and polish requires patient, persistent labor, not without skill and never lacking the oil of kindness.—Hattie Louise Jerome.

Fear to do base, unworthy things is valor; If they be done to us, to suffer them Is valor, too.

-Ben Johnson.

Build up heroic lives, and all
Be like a sheathen sabre,
Ready to flash out at God's call
A chivalry of labor!
Triumph and toil are twins, and aye,
Joy wins the cloud of sorrow,
And 'tis the martyrdom to-day
Brings victory to-morrow.

-Gerald Massey.

#### THE RURAL SCHOOLS-CENTRALIZATION.

BY J. L. GOODKNIGHT, D. D., Ex-President of West Virginia University.

#### Second Paper.

Why have the centralization of rural schools?

The following are not all the reasons which can be given nor are these elaborated as fully as they might be. But enough are given to show that good reasons do exist why our rural schools should become as efficient as the very best schools, providing a popular free education for every boy and girl of their national section.

1st. There is better grading of the schools and more thorough classification of the pupils. This means consolidation of teaching work. The pupils can be placed where they work to the best advantage. The subjects of study can be thus more wisely selected and correlated, while more time can be given to teaching. Each recitation can have something like adequate time assigned to it. A single grade properly classified gives ample time for each recitation and opportunity to give private instruction to individual pupils who need special assistance.

The ungraded school is the school mob; while the properly graded school is an organized educational army successfully engaged in the great industrial work of mental cultare. There is no possible expansion of the work of a mob, for it is already merely expansion, but there is every possibility for expanding the work of an organized army of educational workers. Hence the schools at once advance to a higher grade and become every way more efficient. Quality is always of more importance than mere quantity.

2nd. The school periods are lengthened. The large schools need and demand the lengthening of the school year. There is the same need for a long term school in the country as in the town. The peoples of towns and cities lengthen the school year when their schools become large and graded. Graded schools are uniformly of longer terms of weeks than small and ungraded schools. Lengthened terms give more thorough work in teaching the lower grades. First-class undergrade schools force the maintaining of a first-class High School for the advanced pupils. Whatever will add to the time spent in school each year up to a proper limit by the rural population confers a real and a much needed present benefit. The time element is necessary to produce the best results.

3rd. It insures the employment and retention of a better class of teachers. The teachers in small and ungraded schools are usually of limited education and training. They teach for the experience and as a stepping stone to some better thing. Teaching is neither their vocation nor avocation. They teach for the same ulterior purpose. They do not mean, as a rule, to remain in the rural school teaching usiness, and those who do so intend, as a rule, are not qualified to teach and can not educate properly. The salaries paid determines the quality if not the quantity of the teachers. In New York State the city teachers on an average receive double the pay of the rural teachers. This will hold good generally of other States. This at once indicates where the best teaching talent in the nation is to be found.

It will stand without successful refutation that the graded schools have a more competent corps of teachers than are to be found in the single ungraded schools. The larger the teacher the grading. The better the grading the better the organization. The better the organization the better the teachers and the teaching. The better the teachers the better the school—for the best schools are the product of the best teachers.

4th. It gives efficient management and work. The plans and efforts can be concentrated into tangible and uniform results. Efficiency is in itself a reflex educator. No business pays so well as one that is well managed. The management is every thing in order to insure business success. Education properly conducted is a business. It is like all other kinds of business, best carried on when it is the special business of a responsible and competent head. Any business in the hands of every body is the business of nobody. The entire work is subject to supervision and revision. Special work cen be carried on. An inspection agent insures always better work and more efficient service. There can not be the proper management unless there is centralized organized management.

5th. It requires better school buildings and better equipment in every particular. A single district school can not afford a full line of reference books, charts, maps, apparatus, chemical laboratory and gynasium. It could not use them if provided by a prodigal district school board. But all these follow naturally a concentration of the school population into single school enterprise. Proper equipment maietrally aid in making a school first-class, if it can be used when provided. The concentrated large expenditure for school is a wise economy, yet the cost per pupil is very inconsiderable as compared with such an equipment if provided for small and widely separated rural shools. Great economy of school expenditures is secured by the consolidation of many into a single whole. Concentration insures a large saving in money over the separate ungraded district rural school for the same population. The large and well equipped graded school buildings far surpass in every educational facility the little one room rural school house.

· 6th. There is inspiration in numbers for both the pupils and the teachers. Many heads make light work. Numerical inspiration is only found in graded large schools. Extensive companionship and brood culture comes from such associations. The school is a little world of its own where there is a touch and taste of real life as with the world at large. It makes conditions and gives a fit opportunity for projecting boys and girls into the actual work each must eventually take up in the world struggle for mastery.

Numbers give added stimulous to class work, and begets enthusiasm and a generous rivalry. Few boys or girls enjoy being the tewentieth or thirtieth in standing in the various classes. That numbers improve attendance and work upon the part of all, experience attests.

7th. The course of study can be expanded and special studies introduced. It allows a general enrichment in many lines not posibsle in any ungraded school. The graded school is asolutely necessary in order to secure the proper training necessary for a High School education. Comprehensiveness gives the necessary breadth necessary to properly lay a foundation for an adequate High School course.

8th. Farmers will remain on their farms. They can educate their children without leaving the rural homes. The children would remain under the country home roof and parental influence.

A large and most important part of our population lives in the country. The peoples of the villages and the farms produce the food, raise the cotton and wool, fell the timer and mine the ores, of our commercial industries. The rural population must always be and remain the bone and sinew of any nation. A purely commercial nation must run its couse and finally end in extinction.

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Under present conditions many families have been forced from the farm into town or city, to educate the children of the family. In many ways this is always unfortunate for the parents. It brings a change to the whole previous life of parents, and breaks up the associations and habits of former life, and worst of all, takes them permanetly from the farm homes. The farm homes should be permanent institutions and as desirable a place to live and die as in the town or city; more so for the farmers. Yet no one single cause now operates more effectively to remove the farmers from the country to the town than the superior educational advantages of the towns.

The wise thing to do is to frame such a scheme of popular education as will retain the farmers on their farms. The rural parents should be rendered content in school matters at least. Hence there must be a system of schools which will afford their children an equal opportunity for a thorough free school education at home as is true of those who live in towns and cities. This is an attainable end, and can easily be secured if there is a proper school system for the rural population as a unit. The whole rural population should have a fair chance to become enlightened and prosperous, for true intellectual happiness and material prosperity are the result of educated intelligence and trained selfhood.

9. The country boys and girls will remain at the farm homes. There is no place equal to the farm homes and no occupation superior to the farm life for the development of an ideal manhood and womanhood; no place is better suited to the needs and tastes of country boys and girls than the farm home. There is the place to keep them. Yet there is a landslide of farmer boys and girls to towns and cities. This has its initial beginning in the idea that the farm home is a good place to be born, provided one leaves it for good as soon as he is through the country school.

We need skilled and intelligent labor in the fields as well as in the shops. The intelligent and scinetific management of farms is needed as well as that of manufacturing plants and commercial houses. It requires as high an order of mind, and as well trained intelligence—as refined a quality of both—to manage successfully a farm as to conduct a law office, run a theological pastoral study or drive the pill-making dispensary of the doctor. There is need of economy of effort, concentration of forces, adaptation of inventions, the discovery of new mechanical farm devices and the application of the best processes on the farm, if these elements of success are in demand anywhere.

The whole rural population deserve the same culture and refinement as the towns and cities. Music, paintings, books, cultured surroundings in the home, all the refined and esthetic modes of life, are as fitting and happiness enhancing on the farms as in the towns and cities. The more highly educated and refined the rural population is, the more capable and the better qualified will it be for taking every advantage of improved machinery, economy of time, utilizing all labor in producing and disposing of raw materials to the best account. Opportunities will be multiplied many fold to devote to the cultivation of useful arts and refinement of esthetics and ethics, the culmination of our Christian civilization. The educated will attain more easily the same results as now and produce even better results in much less time and with less tiresome and disgusting drudgery. The farmers will live more comfortably and happily with less expenditure of muscle and vexation of soul. But these can be and will only when there is inaugurated some efficient method by which the brightest farmer boys remain to become the farmer men. If the boys remain on the farm, the problem is easily solved, so far as the brightest girls are concerned in this farm educational problem.

10. There can be high schools for the rural population. the equals of other such like schools. The high school is an indispensable part of any adequate system of free popular education. High schools are the legitimate outcome of large, well-graded intermediate schools. Such graded schools demand and command good high schools as an inevitable result of a well organized system of education. The high school brought to the door of every farmer boy and girl means a revolution in rural education. Many more of them will be induced to take the full course of educational training; this will result in a more cultured citizenship. The more inducements which can be placed before these boys and girls, while they can remain at home at the same time, the more likely will they avail themselves of them, and having done so, will remain on the farms. It is the great dispartly between country and town in educational and social advantages, as much as any one thing, that carries the rural population to towns. This alone induces many to abandon farm life and occupation.

11. It will afford an opportunity to provide manual training schools, so much needed by the farm boys. This line of education would become to them a primary professional training in the mechanical arts and sciences, so much required of farm mechanics. The increasing of mechanical contrivances and complex machinery in farm work already demands that the master farmer shall be a master mechanic of the whole domain of ingenious mechanical craft. On every properly equipped farm there should be a jack-of-all-trades-work-shop for making many of the simple farm contrivances and mending a large per cent of implements used by the up-to-date farmers. Every farm should have its handicraftsman in the person of the man at the head. Such the farmer boys can become when rural education includes proper manual training as a required part of education. There is plenty of time on rainy

days and in the long winter months for putting things in order and so keep them. The farmers will have a larger cash balance at the end of a "year's round-up" when they have the skill and the facilities for doing much which is now done for them at the expense of precious time and money.

12. The rural schools are of special importance and none of more importance.

The greater school population of the nation is in the country. In Texas four-fifths of the school population is in the country. In New York State seventy-four per cent of the country population attend the free schools and only forty-nine per cent of city population attend school. In Minnesota two-thirds of the school population is in the country. In Ohio, the state of large towns, small towns and cities, a majority of the school population is in the country; about fifty-two per cent in the country and forty-eight per cent in the towns.

This is a government of the people. It is the country where majorities are of more consequence than aristocratic minorities. The very best school advantages should be given to the greatest numbers, no matter where these are found. Majorities must determine the rules and the rulers for our government in municipal, state and national legislation and the management of all governmental affairs.

The country is the great reservoir from which the cities draw very much of their best mercantile manhood and womanhood. A flood stream of young men and women flowing into the cities from the country needs every possible agency to render these young people intellectually capable and morally reliable before they are put to the crucial test by the many and varied city influences.

This nation must be kept pure in its intelectual blood and moral nerves. The health virus for this will come from the great mass of the rural population. Pure manhood and womanhood of the highest physical, intellectual and moral type is a necessary product of the country. There is no price too dear in order to secure an assured tranquil national existence. The supreme question which confronts our nation in these times of commercial craze and gigantic business enterprises is a national prosperity found on and built of a national intelligence and moral elevation of all the people. Such a civilization shoud be the evolution of our rural population. For nations composed of and concentrated in cities alone have soon run their course and perished from off the face of the earth. We do not want history to repeat itself in us simply because we have failed to give the very best advantages equally to city and rural populations in all that pertains to culture.

13. Finally and conclusively, every argument, every reason, every necessity and every other consideration which can be given for the concentration of all the school population of a town or city into graded schools, or systems of intermediate graded schools, culminating in high schools, holds equally good and valid why the rural school population should be alike congregated and aggregated into graded schools. It is just as necessary in the country as in the towns in order to produce the best results from an educa-

tional standpoint. There is no reason why the rurals should not have and maintain as good schools in every particular as in the towns. The very best school advantages and facilities for education are none too good for the rurals. Whatever is educationally needed to secure the best educational results in towns and cities is equally needed and essential to secure the same good results in the country. Centralization is an indispensable element.

## II. HOW HAVE THE CENTRALIZATION OF RURAL SCHOOLS?

Such an ideal can be realized. It is not an iridescent dream. What has been achieved and is being wrought out can be accomplished.

There is no such thing in the German Empire as an isolated little ungraded school. The concentration of the rural school population into a single graded school for a whole township has been successfully accomplished in the United States. The effort has proven successful wherever it has been made, whether under favorable or unfavorable circumstances and conditions. Those who have adopted the concentration policy for their rural population would not again adopt the single ungraded district school system for any educational or financial considerations.

- 1. Where it has been successfully inaugurated. In fact, it has proven a success wherever it has been adopted. There are townships in the western reserve of Ohio where it is an eminent success. This method has worked well in New Jersey, Massachussetts, Rhode Island and has spread to every New England state.
- 2. The rural schools of each township or a specific territory should be concentrated into a single school. This is necessary to be able to give a thoroughly organized primary and graded intermediate school. Condense the many single schools into a single graded school. Locate the building for this central school the easiest accessible to the whole school population.
- 3. Transport all the children living at a greater distance than a mile and a half. Employ special hacks for this purpose. These hacks can take up and return the children along the highways. This transportation is no obstacle. The pupils can be gotten to and from a single central school in a more comfortable condition in all kinds of weather than they now attend the single district schools. There is less danger by far to health in times of rain, snow and cold. This is true whether the roads be good or bad.
- 4. What of the expense for transportation? The expense is the alchemist stone of every new movement where the people must furnish the funds. The concentrated schools in New Jersey and Massachusetts have been in sections where there are dirt roads, and mud in wet weather, yet it has proven a financial saving and every way beneficial and satisfactory. Eight townships of fifteen in Barnstable County and thirty-six townships out of fifty-four in Middlesex County, Rhode Island, transported their rural school children in 1892 and 1893, at an aggregate cost of \$21,189.21, or less than \$500 to each township.

Practical and actual experience shows that the whole

expenses, including transportation of pupils, is no greater, and in many cases less, than under a system of isolated single district schools.

A township in Portage County, Ohio, has the following system of transportation: The schoolhouse is centrally located in the township. With a mile radius and the schoolhouse as the center a circle is drawn. All scholars who live within this circle attend school at their own expense. A second circle is drawn, with a mile and three-fourths' radius. All scholars who live in the belt between the two circles receive one dollar each per month to pay for their transportation. All scholars who live outside the second circle receive three dollars each per month for their transportation. Each school family provides its own transportation in its own way. Transportation on this basis costs the township less than half when hiring vehicles. It has proven in every way more satisfactory to the school board and the patrons of the school. It eliminates friction and makes each family responsible for school attendance. Under centralization and this system of transportation the township attendance rose from sixty-five attendance on eight schools to ninety-five attendance on the single central school. The township has one of the best high schools of the state. After paying for new the central building, in the fifth year there was an actual saving to the township of more than seven hundred and fifty dollars. For the present year there was a saving of a thousand dollars over what was expended when single ungraded schools of only eight grades, and this when they now pay the superintendent \$800 and each teacher \$50 per month, and high school assistant \$65 per month, and run a kindergarten extra. But grant that a centralized graded rural school will cost more than the single ungraded schools for the same territory. yet the great gain of improved schools and a more thorough advanced education will more than compensate for the extra expense. If towns and cities can afford to tax themselves to sustain intermediate graded schools and high schools attached, no less than can and ought the rural population to do the same. It does not cost more. With a centralized rural school population there can be sustained an eight grade and high school for what townships are now expending upon the many isolated eight-grade schools. A high school education can be afforded at the same cost as now paid for only eight-grade education. The rural population are entitled to receive the very most and best benefits for their money gexpended. In no single way can they secure this in education other than by the centralization of the single ungraded schools.

#### OPENING EXERCISES.

These may be made of great educational value. They sometimes have not been, but in many schools more attention of late is being given to their preparation.

#### THE WORST PLAN.

- 1. Read a long chapter from the Bible.
- 2. Sing a hymn selected from a church hymn book.
- 3. Prayer, comprehensive, churchly, and formal.

#### A BETTER PLAN.

- 1. Read a short selected portion of Scripture.
- 2. Sing a lively, devotional hymn, familiar to most of the pupils.
  - 3. A short prayer.

#### A STILL BETTER PLAN.

- 1. Sing one stanza of a familiar hymn,
- 2. Repeat in concert a short psalm, or a few verses from the New Testament, previously memorized.
  - 3. Read a very short selection from the Bible.
  - 4. Repeat the Lord's Prayer, all heads bowed.
- 5. Sing a secular piece.

#### SEVERAL EXCELLENT PLANS.

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- 1. Sing a short familiar piece.
- 2. Read a psalm, or New Testament selection, in concert, teacher reading first verse, the pupils the next, and so on. The place where the selection can be found should be posted up where all can easily see it.
- 3. Lord's Prayer chanted or repeated in concert.
- 4. Singing for five minutes.
- 5. Impromptu recitations, short and pithy.
- 6. Notices.

#### II.

- 1. A few verses from the Bible recited by each of ten pupils previously appointed.
  - 2. A devotional hymn.
  - The Lord's Prayer in concert.
  - A secular piece of music.
- 5. An essay read, and a declamation given by pupils who had two weeks' notice of their appointment.

#### III.

- 1. Encouraging words from three pupils, from the Bible.
- 2. Warning words from the same number of other pupils.
- 3. Good words from three others.

These three exercises must be brief, and must have been previously submitted to the teacher.

- Singing two verses.
- The Lord's Prayer.
- Singing five minutes.

#### IV.

- 1. A good lively, instructive story told by the teacher.
- 2. Two good stories told by two pupils. These must have been previously submitted to the teacher.
  - 3. Singing the doxology.
- The Lord's Prayer. Concert reading of the Bible as suggested above.
- Singing a few minutes.

#### SUGGESTIONS.

- 1. These opening exercise plans are not intended for primary classes. Special programs should be carefully prepared for them. This will make a separate article in the future.
- 2. Do not scold, and find fault, or bring up cases of discipline during the opening exercises, or at the beginning of the day. Let everything be cheerful, inspiring, loving, helpful, and educative.
- 3. Draw pupils early to school by means of opening exercises. Make them anxious to be on hand early.
- 4. Some method of roll call should be used that does not distract the attention of the school from the thoughts suggested during the opening exercises. "How to call the roll" demands special study. It is an art to find out the absent ones, and tardy ones, without much notice by the school.—Teachers' Institute.

## EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

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## UNIVERSITY EXTENSION WORK.

Never in the history of the world has there been so much interest in the subject of popular education as there is today. Our best monthly magazines of the most serious type have during the past few months abounded in articles on various phases of education. The Forum, the North American Review, the Atlantic, the Century and others of the same grade are publishing educational articles from men of the largest experience and the greatest ability. These great journals of culture are leaders in one of the most notable movements in history. But they have also recognized a demand on the part of the people for a great deal of educational matter. The university extension movement has given an immense impetus to the cause of education. The desire to reach the masses of the people with the benefits and blessings of college education has become almost a passion. In England the aristocratic, the merchants, the men of wealth, university professors, ministers of the gospel, lawyers, doctors and public school teachers have joined hands in bearing to the masses the blessings of education. They are not content to leave young men and women who have been taught in the public schools to fall back and join the ranks of the idle and the vicious. Graduates of Oxford and Cambridge and men and women of the highest literary culture have undertaken the humblest and least attractive work. In our own country a similar movement is supported by men and women of the highest culture and of the greatest wealth. Never before have so many people of means and of learning consecrated their possessions and their talents to the service of the people. Never before have the colleges and universities recognized their obligations to the multitudes. Our learned professors and college presidents hold themselves ready to aid the work. This movement is doing a great deal to harmonize all classes of society and to extend the privileges and advantages of university education to the millions that toil. The movement provides night classes for adults in technical and professional instruction and furnishes intellectual and esthetical teaching for all. The movement is ethical as well as intellectual, and aims to set before the people the beauty and superiority of the moral life. The instruction of the masses in mental sciences without at the same time enforcing the moral and social obligations of life is a doubtful experiment. Anarchy and crime are rife in those communities where intellectual culture has been promoted without reference to the moral life. France furnishes a striking example of loss of power by disregarding the spiritual side of man's nature. The people are crazy with fear. They are morally obtuse and imagine that the grossest injustice can be committed without doing injury to the nation. If we in America would educate our people we must not fail to teach them that morality is greater than intellectuality.

#### CHILDREN'S READING.

In this age when everybody can have books galore the greatest peril lies in too much reading. Children's books of the most fascinating type flood the counters of booksellers, and the great mass of the people untrained in book lore are incapable of selecting suitable books for their children. Besides the superabundance of books, there is a still greater amount of periodical literature. The Chicago Dial recently published a very suggestive and helpful article on "The Problem of Children's Books," from the pen of Mr. W. T. Field. We reprint the following extract with our hearty commendation:

"It is one of the most significant facts of modern life that a surfelt of periodical literature, both juvenile and adult, is operating against the reading of books and the formation of libraries. The magazine has its place, but it has its limitations; and we should lead our children to understand that, after all, the vital and permanent literature is that preserved for them in good books. Let every child have his little book-case in the nursery-or, better yet, a shelf in the library which he may call his own. Let him be encouraged to read good books and to care for them. He will then come to feel the friendship with them which is the greatest joy of literary life. A good book presented to a child on each succeeding birthday-a book chosen wisely with respect to the child's tastes and abilities, but of steriing worth-will soon put him in possession of a library which will be a lasting source of strength and satisfaction. It is a mistake to think that the child must be continually fed with fresh reading matter-that a book once read is finished. Indeed, the strong intellects of the last century are those which have been nourished in childhood upon a few good books-read and reread until the thought and style became a part of the reader's permanent possession. Nor does a child lose interest in a good book after a single reading. What boy ever tired of 'Gulliver's Travels?"

The close connection between the character of a book and the character of the reader is one of the commonest of observations. The companionship one chooses in life is a strong index of character, and the same thing is true in regard to choice of books. The boy who reads Jack, the Giant Killer, is only too apt to turn out to be a restless rover or a cruel monster in society. Taste gravitates downward very rapidly. The sensational stories found on every news stand are the breeders of vice and crime. Two young men recently murdered an industrious, sober youth in Chicago, and when they were arrested a bloody dagger and a blood-curdling novel were found in their valise, But the most dangerous species of literature is not always the coarse and vile book, but the sensational trash that pictures vice in glowing but false colors. An immoral book clothed in respectable language is worse than an outrageous yellowback story. Just as the sleek villain is more to be dreaded in the home than a coarse and vulgar brute, so a specious book with a deadly poison concealed is more to be shunned than a flagrant specimen of yellow trash. Again we quote Mr. Field with hearty approval:

"Such books as those of Kingsley, Church and Jane Andrews, Lamb's 'Tales from Shakespeare' and 'Adventures

of Ulysses,' the fairy tales of Andersen and Grimm, 'Æsop's Fables,' 'Robinson Crusoe,' and the 'Swiss Family Robinson,' 'Pilgrim's Progress,' 'Franklin's Autobiography,' 'Tom Brown at Rugby,' and the stories of Scott and Dickens—all these are genuine classics, and they never grow old. Then there is a multitude of new books written for children by men and women who love and understand the needs of child-life. Never was there a wider range of selection, and never a time when the (non) possession of children's libraries was so inexcusable."

Rereading great books is to be commended to adults as well as to children. Whoever has acquired a taste for great books can never be induced to read poor ones. The best drives out the poorest. There is never any room for impure books where the love of goodness has gained a place. Reading for culture and reading for information are so closely blended that it is difficult to do the one without the other. The disappearance of the sentimental, goodygoody style of books makes it unnecessarw to cast a fling at the Sunday-school library. The teacher has more to do with children's reading than most teachers are aware. It is a high, a royal privilege to be consulted about a child's reading, and it is one that should never be abused.

#### THE USE OF WORDS.

It is said that our newest dictionaries define no less than 300,000 words, and yet the great majority even of intelligent people make use of but a small number of these. It is a fact, we think, not generally considered that almost everybody understands very many more words than he uses. It is easy to test one's knowledge of words by getting one to define words in a dictionary. There is no scientific way of discovering just how many words any person uses in ordinary conversation. It is quite an easy matter to ascertain the number employed by a writer. The largest number of words ever used by any one writer is only 15,000. The many-sided Shakespeare is as much ahead of the rest of mankind in the use of words as he is in the beauty, force and grandeur of his style. John Milton follows at an immense distance with only eight thousand words. If the greatest writers command so few words, what must be the actual number at the tongue's end of the unlettered swain? Those who have given most attention to the subject assert that even well educated men and women confine themselves to a very limited number of words. Professor Max Mueller assures us that "a well educated person who has been at a public school in England and at an English university, who reads his Bible and his Shakespeare and all the books in Mudie's library-that is, nineteen-twentieths of all the books published in England, seldom uses more than three or four thousand words in conversation."

If this be true, it is not because men of liberal education do not know more words, but because they do not try to enrich their conversation by choosing a greater variety of words. It is a pity that we stint ourselves so when we have within our own knowledge a vast multitude of words which we seldom if ever call into service. People make a very few words and phrases do duty for everything. Just

think how heavy a load our word "awful" has to carry. It is almost amazing to hear people of good taste and good culture saying "awful good," "awful mean," "awful pretty," "awful ugly," "awful short," "awful long," "awful." This is only a sample of what is heard even among popular school teachers. What must be the grade of culture among the pupils of such teachers? Why should people be such paupers in language when they are heirs to the richest, most varied and most lavish supplies of words enjoyed by any people in the world? The language of conversation is or ought always to be idiomatic English, If we confine ourselves entirely to the simplest words of the language we shall find an embarrassment of riches. There is no need of rhetorical flourish to have variety, grace and dignity of speech. Just a little care, attention and observation will improve the language of any one. If people would only seek variety it would come without resort to dictionary, grammar or rhetoric. Nothing excellent, however, can be acquired without labor and care. The right use of words is no exception to the rule.

#### SECONDARY EDUCATION.

The leading article in the Atlantic Monthly for October is from the pen of President Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard University. It is one of the most optimistic signs of the times that we have seen in a decade. It shows that secondary and collegiate training are along converging lines. When the public school system first took up secondary educational work the aims and methods of these schools were so widely separated from the aims and methods of the colleges and universities that time spent in them was as good as wasted. The public high school set up a standard of education and culture that professed to prepare pupils for life, while it was left to the colleges and universities to prepare for culture. After about a half century of experimenting it has been discovered that what prepares a student for culture also prepares him for life. Upon this point President Eliot says: "The former conception was that diffirent kinds of education were needed for the high school graduate who was going into some sort of iindustrial or commercial occupation at eighteen, and for the boy who was destined for college or scientific school at eighteen. Inasmuch as the first boy's education was to be much shorter than the second's, it must be also more discursive and superficial, and must inform him slightly about a much greater variety of subjects. The college boy could wait to learn in college something about natural history, or physics, or political economy, or civil government; but the less fortunate boy, whose education was to cease at eighteen, must get glimpses of all these subjects before he left the high school. A consensus of opinion, arrived at from two different sides, is gradually modifying profoundly these views. From the side of the high school graduate, it is contended that whatever subjects are fit to make a young man ready to pursue with intelligence and vigor some of the higher studies of a college or scientific school ought also to prepare him to grasp with rapidity the details of any business or mechanical occupation to which he may be compelled to resort at eighteen, and to enable him to prosecute that business with ability and alertness.

In either career, after the age of eighteen, what the youth most needs is a trained capacity to observe, to reason and to maintain an alert attention. In either career a firm mental grip is the first element of success. Whatever studies will impart this power will answer the main purpose in either case." President Eliot is recognized as one of the greatest of modern educators. His opinion on any educational question is respected everywhere. The readjustment of secondary and collegiate courses of study so as to save time and labor is very largely due to the influence of Harvard College. Whenever the public schools and the colleges are so articulated that high school pupils can enter college or turn to business, the cause of education will take a long step forward in the United States, It is a great waste of time and money to have to endow secondary schools if the public schools can be made to do the work. Experience has proved that the high school can not supplant the college. The cause of superior education is best promoted in the college, for which the secondary school should prepare pupils. The attempt in former times to give high school pupils a great deal of information on a great variety of subjects did not bear satisfactory results and in the best high schools of the country is being abandoned. On the other hand, the colleges have so enlarged and readjusted their courses of study that the graduate of the high school can easily find work for which he is prepared in the college.

#### READING ENGLISH CLASSICS IN SCHOOL.

The old way of studying English literature by reading about authors instead of reading them has happily passed away. The Handbook of English Literature that gave a brief biographical sketch of a famous writer and a few short extracts from his works did very well in teaching biography in outline, but gave the pupil only the faintest conception of literature. But the new method is not without its serious disadvantages. Reading authors instead of reading about them does very well for people who have time, means and ability to carry out such a plan, but for the untutored youth it is of limited value. One of the greatest defects in the new method is the attempt to cover too much ground. In the brief time allotted to the study of lierature it is next to impossible to do more than start the pupil on the right track and to implant a love and a taste for good reading. Crowded as the grammar and high school courses are, it is not possible to give an extended knowledge of English literature. The great majority of pupils are incapable of appreciating the best writers. It is only the select few who can read Chaucer, Spencer, Shakespeare, Milton, Tennyson and Browning with profit. If a class reads during its school course one or two masterpieces of each of a dozen authors it has accomplished a great work. Mastering the entire prose works of Macaulay or Scott or Irving or any other great writer is beyond the range of possibility. It should be borne in mind that one pupil can read for another. Many plans have been proposed, but nobody has yet devised any scheme whereby school boys and girls can do more than get a very superficial knowledge of more than a dozen authors during the time allotted for the study of English literature. Our contention is that it is infinitely better to give pupils a thorough knowledge of a few writers and implant a love of good books than to attempt to familiarize them with a great number of writers and a still greater number of books. The actual reading attempted should be limited to less than a score of authors. No teacher of Greek or Latin or German or French attempts to spread over so much territory as teachers of English do. The reason is not far to seek. Our English literature is so abundant, and both teachers and pupils know something of so many writers that the temptation to overdo is too strong to be resisted. It should be remembered that reading English classics is, or should be, a lifetime work. To give the pupil the right start should be the chief aim of the teacher. It is a pity to begin a life work by adopting a shallow scheme. It is much better to be well grounded in twenty books than to know a thousand superficially.

#### PURPOSE OF THE RECITATION.

The following by the Hon. W. T. Harris gives in a very concise form the real purpose of the recitation. The teacher may well ponder these words:

- 1. To draw out each pupil's view on the subject.
- 2. To test the crudeness or thoroughness of grasp of the subject.
- To correct his ideas by the greater comprehensiveness of others of his class.
- To arouse and stimulate a new method of study on next lesson.
- 5. To cultivate the closest habits of attention.
- 6. To brinng into full play the power of numbers engaged upon the same thought.
  - 7. To supplement by stronger force what the pupils give.
  - 8. To bring into play the teacher's highest powers.
- To arouse self-activity, power of independent research, acute, critical insight, to be obtained only by contact with one's fellows striving toward the same goal.
- 10. To initiate the student into the great secrets of combination with his fellows.
- To help the struggling boy or girl to ascend above his idosyncrasy and achieve the universal forms.
- 12. To learn to suppress the merely subjective, and how to square his views to what is objective and universal.

No man is born into the world whose work
Is not born with him; there is always work
And tools to work withal for those who will;
And blessed are the horny hands of toil!
The busy world shoves angrily aside
The man who stands with arms akimbo set,
Until occasion tells him what to do,
And he who waits to have his task marked out
Shall die and leave his errand unfulfilled.

-J. R. Lowell.

All one's life is music, if one touch the notes right and in time.—Ruskin.

Habits are soon assumed, but when we strive To strip them off, 'tis being flayed alive.

-Cowper.

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#### FOR FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

#### 1. Teacher:

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The destruction of our song birds is attracting very general attention, and the protests against it, which are being made in all parts of the country, give the hope that the slaughter has at least reached its height, and that soon birds will be fully protected, not only by law, but by public sentiment.

Birds are killed for sport, for natural history specimens, and for personal decoration.

It is reported that one London dealer received in one lot 32,000 dead humming-birds, that another received at one time 30,000 aquatic birds and 300,000 pairs of wings, while it is estimated that 5,000,000 birds are sacrificed each year in the United States to meet the demands of the present fashion of wearing birds on hats.

#### 2. Boys in chorus:

Think what a price to pay, Faces so bright and gay, Just for a hat!

Flowers unvisited, mornings unsung,— Sea-ranges bare of the wings that o'erswung,— Bared just for that!

#### 3. Girls in chorus:

Think of the others, too, Others and mothers, too, Bright-Eyes in hat!



Hear you no mother-groan, floating in the air, Hear you no little moan,--birdlings' despair,— Somewhere, for that?

#### 4. Boys:

Caught 'mid some mother-work,
Torn by a hunter Turk,
Just for your hat!
of mother-heart yet in the world:

Plenty of mother-heart yet in the world:
All the more wings to tear, carefully twirled!
Women want that?

#### 5. Girls:

Oh, but the shame of it,
Oh, buth the blame of it,
Price of a hat!

Just for a jauntiness brightening the street! This is your halo, O faces so sweet,— Death: and for that.

#### 6. Pupil:

Birds in general are the friends of man, and it is doubtful whether a single species can be named which is not more beneficial than harmful. Most of the small birds live largely upon insects, while even hawks and owls prey upon field-mice, grasshoppers, insects and other vermin, and molest the farmer's poultry only exceptionally.

#### 7. Pupil: Longfellow says-

Think of your woods and orchards without birds!
Of empty nests that cling to boughs and beams
As in an idiot's brain remembered words
Hang empty 'mid the cobwebs of his dreams!
Will bleat of flocks or bellowing of herds
Make up for the lost music, when your teams
Drag home the stingy harvest, and no more
The feathered gleaners follow to your door?

#### 8. Pupil: He adds-

You call them thieves and pillagers; but know,
They are the winged wardens of your farms,
Who from the cornfields drive the insideous foe,
And from your harvest keep a hundred harms.
Even the blackest of them all, the crow,
Renders good service as your man-at-arms,
Crushinng the beetle in his coat-of-mail,
And crying havoc on the slung and snail.

#### 9. Girl:

Much of the work of destroying birds is done by boys who in wicked sport kill them, or who, by collecting eggs and nests, prevent their increase in the neighborhood. They certainly lack the sensibility of Cowper, who said: "I would not enter on my list of friends the man who needlessly sets foot upon a worm."

#### 10. Pupil:

Think of how the young birds, Whose mothers killed in seeking of the prey, Cry in their nests, and think her long away, And at each leaf that flies, each blast of wind, Gape for the food which they must never find.

#### -Dryden.

#### 11. Teacher:

A recent writer says that "a garden without flowers, childhood without laughter, an orchard without blossoms, a sky without color, and roses without perfume, are the analogous of a country without song-birds," tell us what

some of the poets say of the beauty and attraction of birds. 12. Three pupils:

There's a merry brown thrush sitting up in a tree;
He's singing to me! he's singing to me!
And what does he say, little girl, little boy?
"Oh, the world's running over with joy!" sings he,
"Don't you hear? Don't you see?

"Don't you hear? Don't you see? Hush! look in my tree,

I'm as happy as happy can be!"

And the brown thrush keeps singing: "A nest do you see, "And five eggs hid by me in the juniper tree? Don't meddle, don't touch; little girl, little boy. Or the world will lose some of its joy;

Now I'm glad; now I'm free!

And I always shall be,
If you never bring sorrow to me."

So the merry brown thrush sings away in the tree,
To you and to me; to you and to me;
And he sings all the day, little girl, little boy,
"Oh, the world's running over with joy!
But long it won't be,
Don't you know? Don't you see?
Unless we're as good as good can be."—Lucy Larcom.
13. Pupil:



Hark, how the cheerful birds do chant their lays,
And carol of love's praise.

The merry lark her matins sings aloft;
The thrush replies; the mavis descant plays;
The ousel shrills; the redbreast warbles soft;
So goodly all agree, with sweet consent,
To this day's merriment.

—Spenser.

14. Pupil:

The little bird sits at his door in the sun,
Atilt like a blossom among the leaves,
And lets his illumined being o'errun
With the deluge of summer it receives;
His mate feels the eggs beneath her wings,
And the heart in her dumb breast flutters and sings;

He sings to the wide world, and she to her nest— In the nice ear of Nature which song is the best?

-Lowell.

15. Pupil:

Hark! hark to the robin! its magical call
Awakens the flowerets that slept in the dells;
The snow-drop, the primrose, the hyacinth, all
Attune at the summons their silvery bells.
Hush! ting-a-ring-ting! don't you hear how they sing?
They are pealing a fairy-like welcome to spring.
16. Pupil:

The love-thrilling wood-birds are wild with delight; Like arrows loud whistling the swallows flit by; The rapturous lark, as he soars out of sight,

Sends a flood of rich melody down from the sky. In the air that they quaff, all the feathery throng Taste the spirit of Spring, that outbursts in a song.

The teacher can easily extend this exercise by selections from Wordsworth's Ode on Intimations of Immortality, Shelly's To the Skylark, Bryant's Gladness of Nature, Thompson's description of the songsters and the domestic birds in The Seasons, and a variety of others that may easily be found.

This excellent bird lesson is clipped from one of our Exchanges, but we do not know which one, hence we cannot give proper credit.—Ed.

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#### MEMORY GEMS.

A lie that is half a truth is ever the blackest of lies.— Tennyson.

A life of pleasure makes even the strongest mind frivolous at last.—Bulwer.

The one prudence in life is concentration; the one evil is dissipation.—Emerson.

The brighest blaze of intelligence is of incalculably less value than the smallest spark of charity.—W. Nevins.

When I find a great deal of gratitude in a poor man I take it for granted there would be as much generosity if he were rich.—Pope.

Games of chance are traps to catch schoolboy novices and gaping country squires, who begin with a guinea and end with a mortgage.—Cumberland.

Features-the great soul's apparent seat.-Bryant.

Life can not subsist in society but by reciprocal concessions.—Johnson.

No one will dare maintain that it is better to do injustice than to bear it.—Aristotle.

Irresolution is a heavy stone rolled up a hill by a weak child, and moved a little up just to fall back again.—W. Rider.

There can be no excess to love, to knowledge, to beauty, when these attributes are considered in the purest sense.—

Emerson.



#### THE BUILDING OF A NATION.

In the following outline

- 1. Is the date.
- 2. From whom.
- 3. How obtained.
- 4. Price.

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- 5. States formed.
- I. The original thirteen colonies.
- II. The Northwest Territory.
  - 1. 1787.
  - 2. From the original colonies.
  - 3. By cession.
  - Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, part of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

#### III. Southwest Territory.

- 2. From original thirteen colonies.
- 3. By cession.
- 5. Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama.

#### IV. Vermont.

- 1. 1791.
- 2. From New York.
- 3. By purchase.
- 4. \$30,000.

#### V. Louisiana.

- 1. 1803.
- 2. France.
- By purchase.
   \$15,000,000.
- Louisiana, Missouri, Arkansas, Iowa, part of Minnesota, Kansas and Colorado, Wyoming,

### Montana, Dakota and Indian Territory, VI. Florida.

- 1. 1819.
- 2. Spain.
- 3. By purchase.
- 4. \$5,000,000.
- 5. Florida.

#### VII. Maine.

- 1. 1820.
- 2. Massachusetts.
- 3. By cession.
- 5. Maine.

#### VIII. Texas.

- 1, 1845.
- 2 Mexico
- 3. By conquest, purchase and annexation.
- 4. \$10,500,000.
- 5. Texas.

#### IX. Mexican cession.

- 1. 1848-1853.
- 2. Mexico
- 3. By purchase and conquest.
- 4. \$15,000,000.

- California, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and part of Kansas.
- X. Alaska.
  - 1. 1867.
  - 2. Russia.
  - 3. By purchase.
  - 4. \$7,200,000.
  - 5. Alaska Territory.

#### XI. Hawaii.

- 1. 1898.
- 3. By annexation.
- 5. Hawaii Territory.

#### XII. Porto Rico.

- 1. 1898.
- 2. Spain.
- 3. Conquest.

#### XIII. Philippine Islands.

- 1. 1898.
- 2. Spain.
- 3. Conquest and purchase.
  - 4. \$20,000,000.

#### QUESTIONS.

- 1. What other territory belongs to the United States?
- 2. How did we obtain Oregon?
- 3. From whom were the original thirteen colonies obtained?
  - 4. Did the United States ever sell any territory?
  - 5. What is the meaning of "Fifty-four, forty or fight?"
- 6. What was meant by a "'49er?"
- 7. What parallel by latitude is now the boundary line between Canada and the United States?
- 8. A Canadian quarter passes for 25 cents in Buffalo, but is only worth 20 cents in St. Louis. Why is this?
- 9. What boundary lines are in dispute and under consideration at the present time?
  - 10. Does the sun ever set in the United States?

#### FOR THE HISTORY CLASS

Are you acquainted with these people?

- 1. "The Iron Duke."
- 2. "The Silent Man of the West."
- 3. "The Bravest of the Brave."
- 4. "The Nightmare of Europe."
- 5. "The Iron Chancellor."
- 6. "The Swamp-fighter."
- 7. The Governor who was "thicker than he was long."
- 8. "The Plumed Knight."
- 9. The most truthful of juvenile tree-trimmers.
- 10. The great American historian who was almost blind.
  - 11. The man who said, "Go West, young man."
- 12. "Light-horse Harry."
- 13. "The Idol of the Nation."
- 14. "The statesman killed in a duel.
- 15. The spiritual leader of the Pilgrims.
- 16. "The Wizard of Menlo Park."
- 17. "The Wisest Fool in Europe."
- 18. "Old Three Stars."
- 19. "Little Phil."
- 20. "Fighting Joe."
- 21. "Ringlets."

- 22. "Black Dan."
- 23. "The Little Giant."
- 24. "Black Jack."
- 25. "Four-eyed George."

Let every member of the history class try this list. Correct answers will be given next month.

#### A BAD SPELL.

All of the words in the accompanying list were misspelled in a recent eighth grade examination. Such a large number of misspelled words would seem to indicate that more attention should be given to the subject of spelling in many of our rural schools. The words are given with the hope that you can use them to good advantage in drill work during the school.

To aid you in making your drills systematic and thorough, I desire to call your attention to the following suggestions:

- 1. Devote at least one recitation a week to this work.
- 2. Drill both seventh and eighth grades.
- Assign words in lists of ten for pupils to syllabify, accentuate and mark discritically.
- 4. Let pupils group words according to number of syllables, naming each group.
- Give careful and thorough drill on all elementary sounds represented in these words.
- 6. Let pupils discover how words in lists I. and II. are formed, and let them write out their observations. Then have each pupil make lists illustrating same rules.
- 7. When drilling on words in lists III. to VIII., related review exercises in the several subjects might also be given.
- 8. Let pupils discover how many of the rules for the formation of the plural numbber are illustrated in list IX.
- 9. Give pupils drill on list X. Be sure pupils understand use of the apostrophe. Let pupils make a list of other proper contractions. Why are words contracted? Teach meaning of term contraction as here used.
- 10. Give written exercises in which these words are used.
- 11. Think of other ways in which you can make these lists of words useful in teaching spelling this term.
- 12. If you have pupils who are poor spellers try to discover where the fault lies and then try to find and apply the proper correction.
- 13. Teach pupils when in doubt as to the correct spelling or pronunciation of a word, to go to the dictionary.
- Teach pupils to look carefully through all written work for misspelled words,

#### LIST I.

Changing, using, taking, blockading, escaping, securing, coming, having, facing, freezing, writing, voting.

#### LIST II

Whipped, stopped, dropped, dragged, grabbed, sinned, occurred, whipping, slapping, dropping, dragging, grabbing, sitting, beginning, letting, planning, referring.

#### LIST III.

Geographical Words.—Italy, Sahara, Russia, Ceylon, Sandwich, Hawaiian, Greece, Norway, Switzerland, Philippines, Cambridge, Madagascar, Thames, Santa Barbara, Sumatra, Portugal, London, Westminster, Africa, Canaries, America, Cubans, Gettysburg, Quebec, England, New York, Asia, Havana, Massachusetts, Spanish, Texas, Rhode Island, Virginia, Indies, Delaware, British, Australia, glacier, torrid, Fahrenheit, mountains, Chinese, archipelago, peninsula.

#### LIST IV.

Historical and Biographical.—Berkeley, Admiral Cervera, Massasoit, Narragansett, Nathaniel Bacon, Pilgrims, Wolfe, Victoria, emancipation, Civil War, Elizabeth.

#### LIST V.

Grammatical.—Grammar, auxiliary, prepositional, nominative, transitive, syllable, attribute, participal, sentence, whose, complement, possessive, completes, tense, imperative, declarative, predicate, appositive, singular, interrogative, apostrophe, case, explanatory, comma, participle.

Arithmetical Words.—Denominator, area, seventy, plus, interest, square, vertical, parallel, second, thirds, forty, thirteen, number.

#### LIST VII.

Physiological Words.—Abdomen, muscles, delirium, bile, alimentary, nerves, temperature, saliva, salivary, shoulder, lungs, lachrymal, nervous, victuals, capillary, stomach, elbow, knuckle, muscular, wrist, contagious, fingers, thumb.

#### LIST VIII.

Words from Papers in Civics.—Elect, governor, lieutenant, representative, senator, secretary, writ, habeas, officer, president, congress, republican, monarchy, delegates, penal.

#### LIST IX.

Miscellaneous Words.-Discovered, religion, lawyers, substantial, recommend, believe, independent, because, persecuted, discipline, increase, reason, also, freedom, annexation, until, abandoned, tyrant, separate, severe, through (threw), common, but, their, there, just (jest), belief, disaster, oppress, carry, concealed, impatient, privilege, prisoner, temporarily, public, obeyed, necessary, surplus, district, received, revolver, both, send, allowed, does (dose), people, material, fingers, mournful, stiff, still, heights, straight, towards, body, hold, smooth, let, floor, consequence, put, principal, principle, front, directly, pencil, wait, satisfy, declaration, introduced, issued, jealous, persecution, except, accept, interior, approve, receiving, lawful, practice, enemy, signed, those, enforced, elect, originated, agriculture, authorizing, license, weapons, commission, authority, disapproves, consider, damage, rulers, obedience, reconsider, failing, again, perhaps, promise, arrest, executes, safety, speak, primary, either, therefore, impossible, chiefly, trouble, place, brave, different, stars, sincere, village, since, colonies, country, present, heroes, stripes (etrips), bell, voice, indirect, determined, refer. honor, emblem, queen, several, rather, really, please, blew (blue), meant, army, needlessly, duty, glory, liberty, malleable, superfluous, citizens, friendly, enlisted, heavily, claimed, rifle, together, ammunition, indemnity, theory, enthusiasm, dangerous, dismissed, sunk, water, much, gathered, enough, treatment, colonel, salary, animals, suddenly, insurrection, quite (quit), encroachments, across, arrange, between, commander, whether, evil, revolution, immediately, considerable, valuable, copper, honoring, college, fruit, sugar, iceberg, fertile, navigable, comparatively, customs, level, picturesque, suspension, crocodile, filtering, moisture, foreign, quarries, diamonds, sediment, atmosphere, intercourse, to, too, two.

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#### LIST X.

Incorrect Contractions:—Is'ent, diddent, dident, it dont, isent, it's (its), wasent, wouldent, wouldend, couldent, dos'ent.—O. S. Flanegan, in Michigan Moderator.

#### ADJECTIVES.

The word adjective (from Latin ad and jacere, to add to) means literally something added to a noun to affect its meaning. Adjectives are the most variable of the parts of speech. They undergo more change, both of form and signification, in the process of adoption into one language from another and admit of greater variety of meaning in their use in any language than does any other class of words. Genteel, gentile, gentle and jaunty are all from the Latin adjective gentilis, meaning of the same race. Similarly related are acrid and eager, acute and cute, sweet and suave, witty and wist. All adjectives are ambiguous until they are duly joined to the nouns them limit, and even then their ambiguity is not entirely removed. A little mouse is a different affair from a little elephant. There is no better adjective than the word good-and no vaguer. Compare, for example, a good apple, a good stove, a good tree, a good tool. A good man in the language of the churchman, pious; of the exchange, one who has a credit at the bank; of the prize ring, one who can strike sledge-hammer blows with his fist; of the factory, an able-bodied workman. The terms rich and poor are applied almost indiscriminately to things as well as men; for example, sayings, songs, colors, books, jokes. Stout in England is simply fat in America. Thus without limit the varied forms and significations of the much used, much abused adjective might be given.

The pedigree of almost every adjective may be traced back—and often not remotely back—to some noun, the name of some thing that possessed a certain quality, and by a slight orthographical change, the noun became an adjective used to express the same quality when applied to other objects. Thus good is from god, ill from evil, cheerful from cheer, happy from hap, gracious from grace, and so on.

Qualifying adjectives as to their origin may be classified as follows:

- 1. Adjectives derived from nouns; as analogous, beautiful, hapless, impressionable.
- 2. Words that may be used interchangeably as nouns or adjectives; as, a tin pan, an adjective pronoun, a classic story, a prodigal son.—School Moderator.

#### PRIMARY LANGUAGE WORK.

Fill the blanks in the sentences below with words chosen from this list: rises, seen, lays, rode, rung, sitting, lies, setting, rowed, there's, those, saw, me, I, would, should, shall, theirs, could.

- 1. Carlo quietly on the grass.
- 2 John is by him.
- 3. The school bell has ----
- 4. John --- and starts away.
- 5. Have you ---- the new bridge.

- 6. I over it on the car and I a boat under it.
- 7. I hope that I have a ride too.
- 8. Father said that I ——, if I —— not be tardy for a month.
- 9. Did you see --- boys?
- 10. Yes, I —— them.
- 11. They wanted Willie and ---- to play ball.
- 12. We played with my bat, after was broken.

Write these statements into one correct sentence, making any needed changes:

- 1. On a cold winter morning you go to school.
- 2. In the stove there is a blazing fire.
- 3. Boys are struggling to get near the stove.

Combine each pair of these statements into one:

- 1. I walked on the side of a brook.
- 2. The brook runs into the river.
- 1. I must get another sight of him.
- 2. I never saw a prettier bird.

Separate this sentence into as many statements as you can:

By this time the bees began to be alarmed, and formed a dense buzzing swarm just over him, but he brought the torch closer to him, and cooly brushed away those that settled on his arms or legs.

Combine into two sentences:

- a. Suddenly a tempest from the west assailed him.
- b. The frail vessel was at its mercy.
- c. She must run before the gale.
- d. It howled on her track.
- e. It drove her off the coast.
- f. It chased her back towards France.

#### DEFINITION

Omit the quoted words and put in their places others of as nearly the same meaning as possible.

- 1 He "contented" himself with looking James in the
  - 2. What a "sense" of shame came over him!
  - 3. "Quick" was the little maid's "reply."
  - 4. And we shall "rejoice" at the pay.
  - 5. Gretchen stood "modestly" in the distance.
  - 6. The violet might have "graced" a rosy bower.
  - 7. James' conduct was geatly "altered."
  - 8. We fought the mimic "fray."
  - 9. The dog "scampered" away.
  - 10. Corn is now the "leading" crop.
- 11. It is an important article of "commerce."
- 12. He "warbled" his chick-a-de-dee.
- 13. Of faith that never "waxeth" dim.
- 14. Rob was "chasing" Jack.
- 15. He did not "finish" his lesson.
- 16. A "doleful" place this world would be.
- 17. The song of life would lose its "mirth."
- 18. What was her "terror" when she saw a large snake.
- 19. Susan "repeated" the words.
- 20. 'Tis time to shut our "weary" eyes.-Exchange

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#### INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE WORK.

1. Use correctly in sentences the following expressions: Impatient with,

Impatient at,

Impatient of,

Impatient for,

Impatient under.

Use also the following correctly:

Fall under,

Fall from.

Fall into,

Fall upon,

Fall among,

Fall to or on.

Supply words of which the following are meanings: one who cultivates the soil.

a person who carries parcels, etc., for hire.

a person skilled in curing diseases.

a person skilled in healing bodily injuries.

one who is an eloquent speaker.

one skillful in painting, sculpture, or music.

a writer of books.

one who performs on the stage.

one who studies about plants.

one who studies about animals.

one who studies about the stars.

one who studies the formation of the earth.

one who studies fossil remains.

a cultivator of flowers.

a man who sells fruits.

one who takes care of horses.

one who draws plans for buildings.

a mechanic who builds mills.

one who drives a team.

one who has charge of money in banks.

one who makes barrels.

one who constructs or manages engines.

one who measures land.

one who practices athletic exercises.

one who writes history.

a soldier armed with a breastplate.

one who cures diseases of the teeth.

one who sets printers' type.

an officer of the peace.

a female who tends sheep.

#### A LESSON ON COTTON.

- 1. A tropical plant.
- 2. Shrub destroyed each year and new seed planted in the spring.
- 3. Crop gathered from August till frost.
- 4. Grown in the United States in Louisiana, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Texas, Mississippi.
  - 5. Separated from seeds by "cotton gin."
  - 4. Oil made from seeds, called cottonseed oil.
- 7. The United States produces more cotton than any other country.

- 8. Uses of cotton.
  - (a) For making cloth.
  - (b) For making paper.
  - (c) For making oil.
  - (d) The residue used for fattening stock.
  - (e) For a fertilizer.
- 9. Uses for cottonseed oil.
  - (a) For soap stock.
  - (b) For softening wool.
  - (c) For lubricating machinery,
  - (d) For dressing morocco.
  - (e) For adulterating more costly oils.

#### FOOD PROBLEMS.

Bill of Fare (Approximate) for One Person for One Day. I.—Breakfast.

Two eggs, 3.6 ounces or 92.86 grams, at 22c per dozen. Oatmeal, ½ pound or 57.2 grams, at 5c per pound. Milk, ¾ pound or 343.2 grams, at 3c per pint. Bread, ¼ pound or 114.4 grams, at 6c per pound. Butter ½ ounce or 14.3 grams, at 30c per pound. Sugar, ½ ounce or 14.3 grams, at 5c per pound. One orange, ¼ pound or 114.4 grams, at 2c. Watter, 7 ounces or 200.2 grams.

#### II.-Luncheon.

Milk, 1 pound, 457.6 grams, at 3c per pint.

Bread, ½ pound or 228.8 grams, at 6c per pound.

Rice, 1 ounce or 28.6 grams, at 8c per pound.

Butter, ½ ounce or 14.3 grams, at 30c per pound.

Sugar, ½ ounce or 14.3 grams, at 5c per pound.

Grapes, ¼ pound or 114.4 grams, at 10c per pound.

Water, 7 ounces or 200.2 grams.

#### III.-Dinner.

Fat ox, ¼ pound or 114.4 grams, at 15c per pound. Bread, ¼ pound or 114.4 grams, at 6c per pound. Beans, ¼ pound or 114.4 grams, at 5c per pound. Potatoes, ¼ pound or 114.4 grams, at 1½c per pound. Milk, ½ pound or 228.8 grams, at 3c per pint. Butter, ½ ounce or 14.4 grams, at 30c per pound. One apple, ¼ pound or 114.4 grams, at 2c. Water, 7 ounces or 200.2 grams.

#### PROBLEMS.

- 1. What is the weight of the total amount of food in the above bill of fare?
- 2. What is the weight of the starchy foods in the bill of fare?
- 3. What is the weight of the albuminous foods in the bill of fare?
- 4. The weight of the starchy foods equals what part of the weight of the albuminous foods?
- 5. What is the weight of the water allowed as drink for the day?
- 6. How much will the water measure, counting one pint to the pound?
- 7. The amount of water needed daily by the system is three pints; how much of this amount must be in the solids if twenty-one ounces are allowed for drink?
- 8. The weight of the water, three pints, equals what part of the weight of the entire amount of food taken?

- 9. What is the weight of the food taken for breakfast? For lunch? For dinner?
- 10. What is the cost of the breakfast?
- 11. What is the cost of the dinner?

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- 12. What is the cost of the luncheon?
- 13. At the same rate what would it cost a family of five persons for one week? For one year?
- 14. The cost of the meat is what part of the total cost?
- 15. The cost of the bread it what part of the total cost?
- 16. The cost of the milk is what part of the total cost?
- 17. The cost of the butter is what part of the total cost
- 18. The cost of the starchy foods is what part of the whole cost?
- 19. The cost of the albuminous food is what part of the whole cost?
- 20. The cost of the starchy food is what part of the cost of the albuminous food?—Wilbur S. Jackman.

#### DEVELOPMENTS OF THE FLAG.

BY E. A. STEERE.

At the beginning of the colonial period there were three different styles of the pine tree flag used in New England. The body of a flag is generally spoken of as "the field" and the square in the upper left hand corner as "the union."

- In the first flag the field was blue, and the union white, but was quartered by the red Greek cross of St. George. Besides, the upper inner square of the union contained the pine tree. This was used at Bunker Hill.
- 2. The second was suggested by Colonel Joseph Reed. It had a white field, a green tree in the middle, and bore the motto: "An Appeal to Heaven." This was our first naval flag.
- 3. The third had a red field, a white union and the pine tree was in the union. This was the flag of the Massachusetts cruisers. These pine tree flags were borne by the first armed vessels sent out from the Massachusetts posts by General Washington. Then there were two rattlesnake flags.
- 4. The first displayed a coiled rattlesnake on a yellow field. It was Paul Jones who first hoisted this and his unparalleled success under it gave it the name of "Paul Jones' Flag."
- 5. The second was used later in the south. It had thirteen stripes and the rattlesnake was placed diagonally across. Its motto was: "Don't Tread on Me."

The first steps towards the flag of the grand union were taken in the next three designs.

- 6. The first of these had a red field and the British union. The latter consisted of a blue ground, the red cross of St. George and the white oblique cross of St. Andrew. In deference to England our forefathers retained the flag of Great Britain just as it was, but wove the letters, "Liberty and Union," in the red field. "Thus," as one says, "was struck the first note in the scale of all that perfect harmony that fills the heart in our land where wave the stars and stripes to-day."
- 7. The second step was to retain the British union, but the stripes took possession of the field to represent the thir-

teen states. This flag was first raised at Washington's headquarters at Cambridge, January 2, 1776. It is supposed that the design of the stripes (and also the stars in our flag) was taken from the shield or coat of arms of Washington's family, which bears date 1540.

8. Flag of 1777.

The first national legislation on this subject bears date June 14, 1777, when Congress, in session at Philadelphia, adopted the following:

"Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

This was about one year subsequent to the Declaration of Independence. A committee, composed of Benjamin Franklin and others, and accompanied by General Washington, called on Mrs. Betsy Ross, of Philadelphia, to give her the order for our first flag of stars and stripes.

General Washington drew the design in her back parlor 239 Arch street. The house is still standing. The thirteen stars were arranged in a circle to typify the endless duration of the new nation.

Although the resolution establishing the national flag was not sufficiently promulgated by the secretary of Congress until September 3, 1778, it seems well authenticated that the regulation stars and stripes was first unfurled August 3, 1777, over Fort Schuyler, a military post in New York State. The city of Rome, Oneida county, now marks the site. It was also carried at the battle of the Brandywine, September 11, 1777, and thenceforward during the battle of the Revolution.

The ship Ranger, bearing the stars and stripes, and commanded by Captain Paul Jones, arrived at a French port about December 1, 1777. Her flag received on February 14, 1778, the first salute ever paid to the American flag by foreign vessels.

9. Flag of 1794.

No further action relative the flag was taken by Congress until after Vermont and Kentucky were admitted to the union. Then, on January 13, 1794, Congress enacted:

"That from and after the first day of May, 1785, the flag of the United States be fifteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be fifteen stars, white in a blue field."

This flag was the national banner from 1795 to 1818, during which period occurred the war of 1812 with Great Britain. But soon five additional states—Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana and Mississippi—were admitted to the union and required representation on the flag.

10. Flag of 1818.

Congress, on April 4, 1818, enacted:

First, "That from and after the fourth day of July next, the flag of the United States be thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white; that the union have twenty stars, white in a blue field.

Second, "That on the admission of every new state into the union one star be added to the union of the flag, and that such addition shall take effect on the Fourth of July next succeeding such addition."

The debate in Congress shows that the return to the thirteen stripes of the 1777 flag was due, in a measure, to a

reverence for the standard of the revolution; but it was also due to the fact that a further increase in the number of stripes would make the width of the flag out of proportion to its length, unless the stripes were narrowed, and this would have made it hard to see them at a distance.

A newspaper of the time, still kept in the government archives, said: "By this regulation the thirteen stripes will represent the number of states whose valor and resources originally effected American independence, and additional stars will mark the increase of the states since the present constitution."

No act has since been passed by Congress altering this feature of the flag, and the standard is the same as originally adopted, except as to the number of stars in its union.

In the war with Mexico the national flag bore twenty-nine stars in its union; during the last civil war it had thirtyfive, and since July 4, 1891, it has borne forty-four stars.

While the size of the government flags are not prescribed by statutory law, they are fixed by regulations of the departments of war and navy, which have been based upon convenience, utility and beauty and the exigencies of the service.

Says a writer in one of our leading educational journals: "A flag is a nation's coat of arms. It is the sign of its individuality as a nation, and every American citizen, while traveling abroad, is said to be under the protection of the American flag.

"As it floats above our school house, it tells us that we belong to a great nation that has never been conquered. It tells us of the union of the states and of our nation's unsullied honor. It reminds us that this union and this honor will one day be ours to preserve and protect."

I honestly hope that the teachers of Montana will enter into the spirit of teaching patriotism in our public schools and will carry out the provisions of section 1900 of our school law, which is as follows:

"It shall be the duty of all teachers to endeavor to impress on the minds of their pupils the principles of morality, truth, justice and patriotism; to teach them to avoid idleness, profanity and falsehood and to train them up to a true comprehension of the rights, duties and dignity of American citizenship."

I trust they will also set aside some afternoon during each term when they will hold appropriate exercises to instill in the minds of their pupils the proper love of country and veneration for our emblem of liberty.

I would recommend also the use of the salute to the flag prepared by the National Woman's Relief Corps to be used in the schools of the nation. Please have your pupils give it at least once a week.

The flag is held erect in front of the school. At a given signal from the teacher the pupils stand with their arms at their sides. The right hand is first pointed at the flag, then carried to the forehead, and then to the heart, while the pupils recite:

"We give our hands and our hearts to our country. One country, one language, one flag."—The Rockies Magazine.

The article entitled "The Order of Signs in Aritmetic," which appeared in our last issue, page 12, should have been credited to the Inland Educator, in which it first appeared.

### \* \* LITERATURE: \* \*

#### MRS. FELECIA HEMANS.

1794-1834.

Mrs. Felecia Dorothea Hemans was born at Liverpool September 25, 1794. Her father, a merchant named Browne, was a native of Ireland, but her mother was of Venitian descent.

When she was only five years old her father failed in business, and the family moved to Wales, where her childhood was passed.

Her literary career began in her fifteenth year. A collection of her juvenile poems were published in 1808, under the title of "Early Blossoms." This collection met with harsh treatment from the critics. In 1812, a second volume, entitled "The Domestic Affections," was published and was received with favor. It is said that her poems were read, admired, and quoted by almost every bobdy and on nearly all occasions.

In 1812, she married Capt. Hemans of the British army. The marriage was an unhappy one, and after Capt. Hemans went to Italy in 1818 to regain his health, they never met again, although letters frequently passed between them in reference to the education of their children, five sons. Mrs. Hemans now rejoined her mother in Wales, and began an active literary life. She studied German and the languages of Southern Europe, and contributed numerous pieces in prose and verse to the magazines.

Her works gained her the friendship of many distinguished men. She visited Scott at Abbotsford, and Wordsworth at Rydal Mount. She resided near Liverpool awhile to educate her children, but in 1831 she removed to Dublin, where one of her brothers was living. She died here May 12, 1835.

Exquisite grace and tenderness characterize her works. She wrote a tragedy nammed "The Vespers of Palermo." This failed on the London stage, but was well received in Edinburgh. "The Forest Sanctuary" is said to be her finest poem. The followinng are some of her principal poems: "The Graves of a Household," "The Voice of Spring," "Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers," "Casabianca," "The Palm Tree," and "The Sunbeam." Her last poem, "A Sabbath Sonnet," was written about three weeks before her death and was dedicated to her brother.

#### THE LANDING OF THE PILGRIM FATHERS.

BY MRS. FELECIA HEMANS.

I.

The breaking waves dashed high
On a stern and rock-bound coast,
And the woods against a stormy sky
Their giant branches tossed;

II.

And the heavy night hung dark,
The hills and waters o'er,
When a band of exiles moored their bark
On the wild New England shore.

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III.

Not as the conqueror comes

They the true-hearted came;

Not with the roll of the stirring drums,

And the trumpet that speaks of fame;

IV.

Not as the flying come,
In silence and in fear;—
They shook the depths of the desert gloom
With their hymns of lofty cheer.

V.

Amidst the storm they sang,
And the stars heard and the sea,
And the sounding aisles of the dim woods rang
To the anthem of the free!

VI.

The ocean eagle soared

From his nest by the white wave's foam;
And the rocking pines of the forest roared—
This was their welcome home!

VII.

Whaht sought they thus afar?
Brigh jewels of the mine?
The wealth of seas, the spoils of war?—
They sought a faith's pure shrine!

VIII.

Aye, call it holy ground,

The soil where first they trod.

They have left unstained what there they found—
Freedom to worship God.

QUESTIONS.

- 1. Who were the Pilgrim Fathers?
- 2. When did they go from England to Holland? Why?
- 3. When did the Pilgrims come to America? How many of them? In what vessel?
  - 4. When and where did they land?
  - 5. Who first stepped ashore.
  - 6. What is the meaning of "the heavy night hung dark?"
  - 7. Commit the entire poem to memory.
  - 8. Write a biographical sketch of Mrs. Hemans.
- 9. Study all the selections you can find that are written by Mrs. Hemans.

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The passionate are like men standing on their heads: they see all things the wrong way.—Plato.

### EXAMINATION.

#### AMERICAN HISTORY.

1. By what route have ships from Europe reached India by sailing west? Mention some artificial passage that has been proposed or attempted in order to shorten the route.

2. What nation in its early settlement of America pursued most successfully the policy of the cultivation of the soil and the permanent occupation of the land? State facts in support of the answer.

3. What nation controlled the Ohlo valley at each of the following dates: (a) 1750; (b) 1770; (c) 1790?

4. Why was the possession of West Point desired by the English during the Revolution? What was the career of Arnold in that war after his attempt to betray his position?

5. What party was in power during the first quarter of this century? Mention one of the prominent political topics of that time and state the attitude of the dominant party toward that issue.

6. How was the territory acquired from which each of the following states was formed: (a) Illinois; (b) Utah; (c) Iowa?

7. What was the boundary line between Texas and Mexico as claimed by this country at the beginning of the Mexican war? What United States General commanded the forces in the war along that boundary?

8. Note briefly the grounds for the dispute over the results of the presidential election of 1876. Who were the candidates whose election was in dispute?

9. In what state is each of the following places, and for what is each historically noted: (a) the Wyoming valley; (b) Petersburg; (c) Bennington?

10. Mention a prominent statesman, not a president, in public life in each of the following periods: (a) 1820 to 1840; (b) 1870 to 1890.

#### ANSWERS.

- (a) By sailing around Cape Horn.
   (b) 1. A canal across the isthmus of Panama.
   A canal connecting Lake Nicarauga with the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.
- 2. (a) British. (b) Answers will vary.
- 3. (a) 1750, French. (b) 1770, British. (c) 1790, United States of America.
- So that the British army could march north and meet Burgoyne, who was marching south from Canada.
- 5. (a) The party in power was known by the several names, first, Republican; second, Democratic; Republican and afterwards Democrats. (b) One party favored a strong central power, and the other party wanted the states to have most of the powers of government.

6. (a) Illinois from territory ceded to the United States at the close of the Revolution by Great Britain. (b) Utah from territory ceded the United States by Mexico. (c) Iowa from territory ceded to the United States by France.

7. (a) The Rio Grande. (b) General Zachary Taylor.

8. The candidates were Rutherford B. Hayes and Samuel J. Tilden. Three southern states, Carolina, Florida and

Louisiana, were disputed, as was also the electoral vote of Oregon. The matter was referred to a commission consisting of five Senators, five Representatives and five Judges of the Supreme Court.

9. (a) Wyoming Valley, in Pennsylvania, noted for a massacre during the Revolutionary war. (b) Petersburg, in Virginia, noted for a great battle during the war of the Rebellion. (c) Bennington, in Vermont, noted for a battle fought during the war of the Revolution.

10. (a) Henry Clay, Thomas H. Benton, John C. Calhoun, Daniel Webster and others; answers will vary. (b) James Russell Lowell, John G. Whittier, Ra'ph Waldo Emerson, Oliver Wendell Holmes and others; answers will differ.

#### GRAMMAR.

(1) I thank heaven every summer's day of my life that my lot (2) was humbly cast within the hearing of romping brooks and beneath (3) the shadow of oaks. And from all the tramp and bustle of the world, (4) into which fortune has led me in these latter years of my life, I (5) delight to steal away for days and for weeks together, and bathe my (6) spirit in the freedom of the old woods, and to grow young again (7) lying upon the brookside, and counting the white clouds that sail (8) along the sky softly and tranquilly—even as holy memories go stealing (9) over the vault of life.—D. G. Mitchell.

The first six questions refer to the above selection.

- 1. State which of the following clauses are subordinate and what each subordinate clause modifies: (a) I thank (line 1); (b) lot was cast (lines 1 and 2); (c) fortune has led (line 4); (d) I delight (lines 4 and 5); (e) that sail (line 7).
- 2. Give three modifiers of (a) was cast (line 2); three modifiers of sail (line 7).
- 3. Parse (a) away (line 5; (b) into (line 4); (c) together (line 5).
  - 4. Select three infinitives and give their syntax.
- 5. Select three participles and give the syntax of each.
- 6. Give the syntax of (a) day (line 1); (b) shadow (line 3); (c) clouds (line 7).
  - 7. Define (a) syntax; (b) phrase.
- 8. Give the first person singular of the verb choose through all the tenses of the indicative mode, passive voice.
- A pronoun may have two or more antecedents and yet be the subject of a verb in the singular number. Write a sentence to illustrate this construction.
- 10. Write a sentence containing (a) a clause used as object of a preposition; (b) a participle used in like manner.

#### ANSWERS.

- 1. (b) Lot was cast (modifies thank); (c) (into which) fortune has led; (e) (counting) that sail.
- Humbly, within the hearing of romping brooks, beneath the shadow of oaks; along the sky softly, tranquilly.
- 3. Away is an adverb of place not compared and modifies the infinitive steal; into is a preposition showing the relation of which to the words tramp and bustle; together is an adverb of degree modifying the phrase for days and weeks.
- To steal depending upon the verb delight. To grow depending upon the verb delight. Bathe depending upon the verb delight.

5. Hearing is a participle used as a noun, objective case; object of preposition within; counting is a participle depending upon the infinitive to grow; stealing depending upon the verb go.

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- 6. Day is in the objective case, object of preposition (on) understood. Shadow in objective case, object of preposition beneath. Clouds in the objective case, object of participle counting.
- 7. (a) Syntax is that part of grammar which treats of the relation, agreement, government and arrangement of words in sentences. (b)A phrase is two or more words arranged together not making complete sense. (It requires the verb.)
- I am chosen. I was chosen. I have been; I had been;
   I shall be; I shall have been.
- Every man, woman or child that disobeys this law will be punished.
- 10. (a) And from all the tramp and bustle of the world, into which fortune has led me in these latter years, I delight, etc. (b) I thank heaven my lot was cast within the hearing of babbling brooks.

#### ORTHOGRAPHY.

1.	verdant.		26.	hopped.
2.	yield.		27.	forty-eight.
3.	squally.		28.	propensity.
4.	precious.		29.	penitent.
5.	portable.		30.	solace.
G.	Calendar.		31.	necessary.
7.	changeable.		32.	imitate.
8.	beggary.		33.	tension.
9.	Ithaca.		34.	fragile.
10.	impel.		35.	apology.
11.	daisy.		36.	fickle.
12.	exhaust.		37.	moral.
13.	chylle.		38.	
14.	leisure.		39.	piazzi.
15.	oasis.		40.	rulable.
16,	preface.		41.	sorrel.
17.	perceive.		42.	brutally.
18.	tacit.			conscious.
19.	jugular.		43.	wreathe.
20.	forgery.		44.	phonic.
21.	Isthmus.		45.	suspicious.
		i .	46.	sullen.
22.	drowsy.	,	47.	privilege.
23.	vengeance.		48.	battery.
42.	remitting.		149.	zephyr.
25.	provoking.		50.	contrary.

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#### METHODS AND SCHOOL ECONOMY.

- 1. Give a device illustrating objectively the mathematical meaning of the term reduction.
- Mention some of the advantages that are to be derived from the study of local geography.
   Mention some advantage accruing from the teacher's
- Mention some advantage accruing from the teacher's reading to the class as a part of the instruction in reading.
   (a) On what are rules of syntax based? (b) why
- should such rules be memorized?

  5. Mention four necessary conditions for successful study within the school room.

#### ANSWERS.

- 1. Answers will vary.
- A knowledge of that part of the country most frequented. A basis is formed for more extensive study.
- 3. Children learn in imitation.
- (a) Structures of the language.
   (b) For the purpose of determining the correctness of language used.
- Comparative quiet. Proper temperature of room Proper light. Pupils should be in pleasant frame of mind.

## & Children's Corner.

PUTTING THE SWEETENING IN.

BY MABEL NELSON THURSTON.

Once upon a time there was a girl who made many pleasures for herself and her mother by little experiments in housekeeqing. They had been boarding for a year or two, and Elsie decided that as soon as they were in a bouse of their own, she would make the delicious home dishes that they could not get at the hotels and cafes. So, after they had moved, she began her experiments. They had a cook, but Elsie, like a wise little maid, wanted to learn to do things herself; she was not going to be helpless if the cook left or became ill. Her first attempts proving successful, she began to plan for more. It was near Thanksgiving, so she thought that she would make some oldfashioned pumpkin ples. She would bake some for Aunt Emma, too; one pumpkin would easily make enough for the two families. So she got her mothtr's recipe book and went to work.

She was very proud of those ples, great golden circles in the delicate flaky crust! She would take two over to Aunt Emma's early the next morning, she decided. That evening some cousins came in, and Elsie's mother suggested that they try one of the pies; the boys were quite willing-boys generally are, you know-and Elsie ran for plates and forks and the ple. It did look delicious as she cut it. Charlie declared that his mouth was fairly watering, and Elsie laughingly said that if he was so hungry, it was cruel to keep him waiting, and gave him the first piece. But Charlie waited till his aunt and cousins were provided, too, and so they all tasted at once. First, they were astonished, then they tried to look as if nothing at all was the matter; but it was no use, they all had to laugh, for those beautiful golden pies with the puffy crust had not a grain of sugar in them.

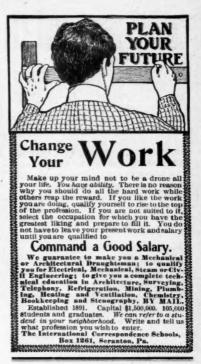
It was only a funny story as Elsie told it, and we laughed over it together, but after she had gone I began to think about some other things that would have been perfect if the sweet-

ening hadn't been left out. For instance, there was the time Bessie's mother asked her to go down street on some errands. Bessie was reading Timothy's Quest. When her mother called her, she put the book reluctantly down and went. When she found that the errands would take more than an hour, her frown deepened; however, she listened attentively to the directions, and then, without a word, went for her hat and started. She did the errands perfectly; nobody could have taken more pains over the matching of those troublesome shades, and her mother told her so when she came back. Bessie wondered a little why she couldn't answer pleasantly when her mother praised her. You can guess the reason, I am sure. She had left out all the sweetening; she had obeyed but it had not been a bright, loving obedience, and after the pies are baked, you know, it is too late to put in the sugar.

Did you ever see two little mites quarreling over some possession, until finally one flings the treasure down, exclaiming, "Well, take it, then!" and the other—why the other generally—just cries! The beautiful toy is so spoiled by the angry words that there is nothing beautiful about it any more; the beautiful thing was kindness, and that was all left out!

Or have you ever gone to a picnic on a cloudy day? The trees and long green slopes are there—the people and the great baskets of lunch; but you miss something. It's only the sunshine that's lacking; but what a difference sunshine makes! A wise woman once called kindness "stored-up sunshine." There's nothing like kindness, "loving kindness" the Bible calls it, for kindness is love brimming over into happy deeds and words, to sweeten the hours and days.

Once I read about a wise little fairy whose duty it was to make the silver linings to clouds. We can do better than that—we can make the sunshine itself. We can refuse to do a single thing without putting the sweetening in. It may be a little hard to remember at first, but people don't grow to be great students or artists or merchants in a single day or a single year, and to live a beautiful life, so full of sunshine that it shines out and cheers those around us, is a thousand times



nobler than to be the greatest artist in the world—with the sweetening left out.—Sabbath-School Visitor.

#### AN OLD SAW, AND A TRUE ONE.

She strolled along a country road—
The city girl—one day.
Quite horrified was she to meet
A lad upon the way
Who carried in his hands a nest,
And held it up with pride—
A dainty, little soft warm nest,
Five tiny eggs inside.

"You wicked, cruel boy," she spoke In words of great disdain;

"You've robbed some darling mother bird;

Put back that nest again.

I'm sure I hear her sad notes now,
Up in that maple tree.

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STICKS EVERYTHING PASTE

AND YOU STICK TO LITE PAST

It almost breaks my heart to think How lonely she must be."

The lad glanced upward with a smile-"Don't feel so bad as that; For, miss, the mother bird may be That dead one on your hat." And with those words he ran away,-But he was wondrous wise: While she, who had condemned herself, Stood there in mute surprise.

An old dame, leaning on her crutch, Passed by, and cried "Alack! I've heard it said my whole life long, 'Pot can't call kettle black.' " -Susan Teall Perry.

#### WEATHER SIGNS.

The sun is bright, the sky is clear, But grandma says a storm is near; And when I asked how she could know.

She said the peacock told her so, When, perching on the old fence rail He screamed so loud and dropped his tail:

And the shy cockoo on the wing Reneated over the same thing; And "More wet!" all the Bob Whites

That in the grassy meadows hide; The soot that from the chimney fell Came down, it seems, this news to tell; The kettle sang the self-same tune When it boiled dry so very soon; The grass, this morning, said so, too, That hung without a drop of dew; And the blue swallows, flying low Across the river to and fro. So all these told her very plain, That ere the evening it would rain; But who told them, and when, and how?

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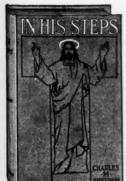
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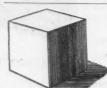
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